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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 6991

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV PINT IR  
SUBJ: HOVEYDA RESIGNATION, AMOUEEGAR NEW PRIMIN

REF: TEHRAN 6806

1. RUMORED RESIGNATION OF HOVEYDA (REFTEL) TOOK PLACE  
AUGUST 6. HOVEYDA ANNOUNCED HE WAS RESIGNING TO ACCEPT  
A NEW APPOINTMENT FROM THE SHAH AND BY NOON AUGUST 7 IT  
WAS ANNOUNCED HE WOULD REPLACE AILING ASSADOLLAH ALAM AS  
COURT MINISTER.

2. SOMEWHAT CONTRARY TO RUMOR MILL, MINISTER OF STATE AND  
RASTAKHIZ PARTY CHIEF JAMSHID AMOUZEGAR HAS BEEN APPOINTED  
NEW PRIMIN. HE THUS BECOMES IRAN'S FIRST PRIMIN EDUCATED IN US  
(CORNELL AND WASHINGTON UNIVERSITIES). THE SHAH WOULD APPEAR TO  
HAVE ACCOMPLISHED AT LEAST THREE PURPOSES WITH THIS SWITCH.  
FIRST, HE HAS FOUND A REPLACEMENT FOR ALAM. SECOND, HE HAS  
REACTED TO VOCAL CRITICISM ON ELECTRICITY SHORTAGES AND  
OTHER INTERNAL POPULAR COMPLAINTS THIS SUMMER. THIRD, BY  
CHOOSING THE HEAD OF RASTAKHIZ PARTY, SHAH HAS REINFORCED  
HIS OWN PUBLIC UTTERANCES AND THOSE OF SEVERAL MINISTERS,  
EMPHASIZING KEY ROLE OF PARTY IN IRANIAN DEVELOPMENT.

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3. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW CABINET INDICATES MANY  
MINISTERS REMAIN AS HOLDOVERS, INCLUDING ANSARY FOR ECONOMIC  
AFFAIRS AND FINANCE, KHALATBARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AZIMI FOR  
WAR, GANJI FOR EDUCATION AND AFKHAMI MINISTER OF STATE FOR  
WOMEN'S AFFAIRS. THERE ARE SEVERAL TECHNICIANS AMONG NEW  
APPOINTEES AND THESE INCLUDE AT LEAST TWO AMOUZEGAR ASSISTANTS  
FROM RASTAKHIZ PARTY AND ELSEWHERE:

HOMAYOUN WHO TAKES OVER INFORMATION AND TOURISM AND MANUCHEHR  
AGAH, MINISTER OF STATE.

4. RETENTION OF STRONG-WILLED MINISTERS SUCH AS  
ANSARY WOULD SUGGEST POSSIBILITY OF SOME EARLY STORMS  
IN THE CABINET SINCE, ON PAST FORM, AMOUZEGAR IS NOT  
NOTED AS A CONCILIATOR LIKE HOVEYDA. HIS STYLE TENDS  
MORE TOWARD DOMINATION OF CABINET COLLEAGUES. THIS  
WOULD BE PARTICULARLY TRUE IF, AS EXPECTED, AMOUZEGAR  
TAKES PARTICULAR INTEREST IN FINANCIAL-ECONOMIC REFORMS  
SUCH AS A RENEWED DRIVE AGAINST CORRUPTION, REVISION OF  
THE TAX STRUCTURE, AND DEVELOPMENT OF CAPITAL MARKETS  
WITH GREATER GOVERNMENTAL REGULATION.

5. WE SHALL BE COMMENTING IN GREATER DETAIL WHEN ENTIRE  
NEW CABINET IS ANNOUNCED.  
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